

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

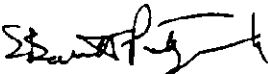
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Earl C. Cabbell  
Interim Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr.   
Inspector General

**DATE:** November 19, 1998

**SUBJECT:** Certification of Services Provided to the Public Schools in the  
District of Columbia by the National Capital Area Council of the  
Boy Scouts of America (OIG-13-99GA-9906)

This memorandum is in response to the requirements set forth in the Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Appropriations Act for the District of Columbia (Act). This Act, in part, requires the Inspector General of the District of Columbia to certify whether or not services (including staff, curriculum, and support materials) were provided to the District public schools by the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America (Boy Scouts). Accordingly, we have certified that during FY1998 the Boy Scouts provided services valued at \$ 210,455.43 to the District public schools.

**Background**

The Boy Scouts have developed a program, "Learning for Life", to meet the critical need for character education of our nation's young people enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Its mission is to help schools and communities instill values of good character, citizenship, and personal fitness as a foundation that will prepare young people to make ethical choices throughout their lives. To reimburse the Boy Scouts, the Act allocates \$244,078 for services on behalf of 12,600 students at 39 public schools in the District. The Act also requires that prior to any reimbursement, the Inspector General shall certify whether or not the services were provided.

**Objective, Scope, and Methodology**

Our objective was limited to determining whether or not the services were provided to the District public schools by the Boy Scouts. To accomplish this objective, we had each school administrator certify by signature, via a certification memorandum, as to whether services were satisfactorily provided. The certification memorandum included the number of students

and associated costs relative to the services received by each public school. The certification period covered services received by the District public schools during FY1998.

**Certification Results**

Services received by the District public schools (see attachment) during FY 1998 from the Boy Scouts were as follows:

<u>Number of Schools</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Cost of Services</u>
34	10,865	\$210,455.43

We were unable to certify that \$33,622.57 for 1,735 students at 5 schools was expended, either because the schools denied that such services had been provided or because, within the limited time allowed us, we could not sufficiently confirm that such services had been provided.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above number, or John N. Balakos, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (202) 727-9749.

Attachment

SERVICES RECEIVED<sup>1</sup>  
BY  
DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<u>School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Abram Simon Elementary	472	\$ 9142.62
Adams Elementary	479	9278.23
Amidon Elementary	228	4416.36
Barnard Elementary	74	1433.78
Benning Elementary	30	581.10
Bowen Elementary	124	2401.88
Bruce-Monroe Elementary	455	8813.35
Burrville Elementary	459	8890.83
Clark Elementary	344	6663.28
Drew Elementary	512	9917.44
Ferebee Hope Elementary	558	10808.46
Fletcher-Johnson Ed. Center	653	12648.61
Garnet-Patterson Middle Sch.	387	7496.19
Garrison Elementary	50	968.50
Harris, C.W. Elementary	565	10944.05
Harris, P.R. Ed. Center	210	4067.70
Kenilworth Elementary	347	6721.39
Kimball Elementary	510	9878.70
LaSalle Elementary	114	2208.18
Ludlow-Taylor Elementary	416	8057.92
Mamie D. Lee School	115	2227.55
Marshall, Thurgood Elementary	48	929.76
Maury Elementary	160	3099.20
Merritt Elementary	484	9375.08
Miner Elementary	434	8406.58
Orr Elementary	313	6062.81
Raymond Elementary	597	11563.89
Smothers Elementary	288	5578.56
Sousa Elementary	163	3157.31
Stanton Elementary	430	8329.10
Terrell, M.C. Elementary	330	6392.10
Thomas, Neval Elementary	400	7748.00
Wheatly Elementary	56	1084.72
Winston Ed. Center	60	1162.20
	<u>10,865</u>	<u>\$210,455.43</u>

<sup>1</sup> The Learning for Life program was not implemented at 5 of the 39 public schools originally designated to receive services from the Boy Scouts of America.